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SUBJECT: MINI LOS CONFERENCE ENDS IN PORT MORESBY

1. DEPT OFFICIALS EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT RESULTS ACHIEVED
DURING PRE-CONFERENCE ON LAW OF THE SEA HELD HERE MARCH 4 AND 5.
GPNG AND OTHERS INDICATED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT NO TTPI DELEGATION
ATTENDED. SESSIONS SERVED MAINLY TO REINFORCE PACIFIC COUNTRIES'
PARALLEL INTERESTS AND THE TWO DAY CONFERENCE SHOULD HELP
SOLIDIFY A JOINT PACIFIC BASIN POSITION.

2. THE KEY ELEMENT BESIDES AGREEMENT ON A 12 MILE TERRITORIAL
WATERS LIMIT AND A 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE WAS INCREASING
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DETERMINATION TO SEE ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT ADOPTED AT UPCOMING

GENEVA LOS CONFERENCE.

3. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND TALKS WERE SOMEWHAT DESULTORY, BUT THAT DELEGATES BELIEVE THE EFFORT TO ARRIVE AT A POSITION ON A WIDER THAN COUNTRY BASIS AUGURS WELL FOR THE FUTURE. PNG STILL WILL HAVE NO VOTE, BUT WILL ONCE AGAIN BE REPRESENTED AT GENEVA LOS CONFERENCE. IT IS INCREASINGLY DETERMINED TO PRESERVE ITS FISHING RESOURCES AND THE CONFERENCE SERVES A USEFUL FORUM. EVENTS IN PNG WATERS OVER PAST SEVERAL MONTHS WHERE SEVERAL TAIWANESE VESSELS AND ONE MODERN JAPANESE FISHING TRAWLER WERE APPREHENDED DEMONSTRATE A GROWING CONCERN HERE THAT THE RICHLY ENDOWED WATERS OF PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS MUST BE PROTECTED FROM THE LARGER, AGGRESSIVE MARITIME POWERS. END COMMENT.
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